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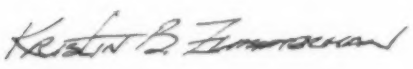
of ET without degradation of the publication, especially the cover, and whether we can give up the plastic wrapper without a cost premium. If so, the energy and environmental footprint from removing the plastic wrapper are well understood and directly impact petroleum usage, water, other process energy, and clearly remove plastic from entering a waste stream. The plastic wrapper on ET is just the beginning of what the leadership of the Society will be uncovering in terms of opportunities to not only 'Go Green' but become a more resource efficient organization and become, by definition, more sustainable.

The third item is the opportunity to evolve our investment mechanisms for growth within the Society into a balanced portfolio of investments that will increase the returns on our strategic reserve funds. An *ad hoc* committee is preparing a proposal outlining a business case for SEM to consider that investigates whether or not it was a good idea to invest the reserve funds in something other than CDs. The proposal will also include a new mechanism for individuals to invest in SEM utilizing investments that cut across a broad spectrum from cash, CDs, mutual funds, bonds, etc., and do so in a way that offers tax advantages to the individuals interested in transferring funds from their existing investment portfolios into SEM's.

I'm also encouraged that this, our IMAC issue of ET, is launching a new Feature Series by Paul Reynolds called, "Dynamic Testing of Civil Engineering Structures." You will also see that the Technical Articles are aligned very well with the emerging areas of interest highlighted in the survey.

Stay tuned for more updates on the growth of the Society – with respect to membership, conferences, finances, publications, and areas for adding value for our global members and conference participants.

See you at IMAC! -KZ ■



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